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In re the Application of:

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For: TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR VEHICLE STEERING

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and without any assertion as to materiality or prior art effect, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby cited.

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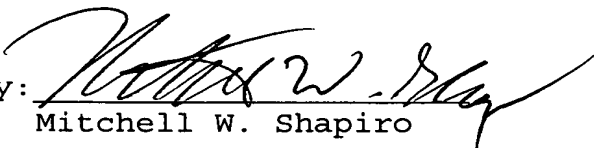
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Applicants' Japanese representative has provided the
attached comments regarding the relevance of Documents BK
and BL.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT BK (WO 99/08920)

Shows a device in which needle rollers and balls are disposed in a male shaft and a female shaft.

COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT BL (EP 1 167 790)

Shows a device in which biased balls are disposed between a male shaft and a female shaft.

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